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WANT FREE FERRY FROM  
THIS CITY TO CAMDEN

Chamber of Commerce Takes Steps to Bring Commissioners of Pasquotank and Camden Counties Together To Get This

The first definite step looking toward the opening of a free ferry between Elizabeth City and Camden was taken Tuesday afternoon at an informal conference of Elizabeth City business men in the room of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

The Directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce will endeavor to bring about a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and Highway Commissioners of Camden and Pasquotank counties and the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City.

The Chamber of Commerce will present to this joint conference the needs of a free highway between the two counties and will offer the commissioners every possible service in solving this vexing problem of transportation and communication.

Elizabeth City is the logical trade center for the counties of Camden and Currituck. Elizabeth City's outlet to the North and East is thru the counties of Camden and Currituck. And Elizabeth City is barred at its very doors by a pair of toll roads, the only highways connecting these counties at or anywhere near Elizabeth City.

And the worst feature of the situation is that both of these toll roads are thru miles of swamps and are impassable many weeks in the year. Elizabeth City has lost thousands of dollars a week this summer because these roads have been absolutely impassable for days and weeks at a time.

Not only is Elizabeth City shut off from thousands of potential customers, but Elizabeth City is shut off from the health development that can only come by and thru the most highly developed roads, highways of trade and travel.

It is clearly up to Elizabeth City, Pasquotank county and Camden county to do away with toll roads and develop a free and dependable highway between the two counties. This must be done by buying and improving the Robinson ferry property or by bridging the Pasquotank river at some new point near Elizabeth City which will connect the roads system of Camden county with the road system of Pasquotank.

The problem is one for the administrations of the two counties to solve, but for more than a century the commissioners of Camden county and the commissioners of Pasquotank county have made no move toward getting together. Now that they are to be brought together something may be done.

Addressing the conference in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon, C. O. Robinson, manager of the Camden Ferry Road stated that while the road was now passable, it probably would be impassable thruout the coming winter. Mr. Robinson states that the road can not be made permanent except by an expenditure of an enormous sum of money, the owners can not afford to spend considerable sums on the road because a public highway project could at any time reduce their investment to an absolute loss. Mr. Robinson stated that he would sell the ferry property to the two counties for \$30,000. The property consists of a bridge that cost \$11,000 to build when building was cheap; a lot 30 by 60 feet on Water street in Elizabeth City; a two story frame dwelling for the bridge keeper on the Camden side of the river; and two and five eighths miles of road in Camden county on which thousands of dollars have been expended.

Mr. Robinson states that the road in question can not be made permanent except by the most costly form of construction. It would be necessary to build the road above tide water level, which could be successfully done only by laying a foundation of heavy logs and building a base of clay and crushed rock on this foundation. After this foundation and base had been laid, a concrete or brick surface might be successfully attempted. Mr. Robinson thinks an expenditure of \$20,000 would put the road in condition for concreting.

## JOHNNY BRICKHOUSE CAUGHT

Johnny Brickhouse, wanted for a cutting affray in Tyrrell county, was arrested here this week and turned over to the sheriff of his county. The victim of the affray is said to be in a serious condition.

## ALLIGATOR VALUES INCREASED

The appraisement of property for taxation in Alligator township, Tyrrell county reveals 14,091 acres of land listed at a total value of \$179,603, against \$118,501 in 1917. Timber holdings not yet appraised will be doubled in value.

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LOCAL MERCHANTS  
KIBOSH SIEGEL

Don't Like Bill to Compel Them To Show Cost Prices

The voices of Elizabeth City merchants will go up to Congress with the voices of the rest of the nation's buyers and sellers in protest against the awfully disconcerting Siegel Bill now pending in Congress. There was a solemn and sullen meeting of Elizabeth City merchants held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in this city Tuesday afternoon, at which resolutions were framed and Congressman Small petitioned to do his derndest to kill that Siegel Bill.

The Siegel Bill, officially known as H. R. 8215, proposes to make every merchant and dealer put the cost mark in plain figures, on every article of merchandise offered for sale. The bill is designed to end profiteering, the theory being that no dealer will have the nerve to profiteer if he is forced to make his cost prices known.

Elizabeth City dealers are unanimous in their declaration that they couldn't do business under the Siegel Bill. One of the largest merchants in the city declares that his business will be for sale the minute the Siegel Bill becomes a law. "If it becomes a law, all declare that the passage of the bill would produce a business panic such as this country has never known."

The cost of modern methods of merchandising with the service and losses entailed isn't readily comprehended by the average consumer. A merchant pays for an article and sells it for \$15 or \$20. He doesn't make \$5 or \$10 by the deal; indeed his profit may be nearer 20 per cent than 50 per cent. But that merchant never could explain that cost price to the average consumer.

The merchants don't want their cost marks known. They couldn't put cost prices on their goods along side their selling prices and look the public in the face. One has to be very careful how and when he looks the public in the face.

A STINGING LETTER  
FROM A DOUGHBOY

Editor, The Independent:—  
Last summer (1918) I was called to serve my country in the military services and taken away from my home and people on the farm. I was the only boy in the family at home to look after the farming and general work and help take care of my parents who are old. After I was taken away my people were compelled to break up farming and move to this town, because my father was not able to do the work on the farm.

I spent nine months of hardship in France and was lucky enough to get back, by the will of the Lord. While I was away you never heard such promises and talks what the people back home were going to do for the boys that went to France when they got back. But if anybody has ever done anything for them in this town I would like to see it.

I was discharged from the service July 16th, 1919 with the pitiful sum of a \$60 bonus. When I got to Elizabeth City I found that was hardly enough to buy me a civilian suit. I have been in this town since July 17th and have not been able to find anybody willing enough to give me a job that I might earn a living. I hope every person in Elizabeth City might read this so they will know what their town is doing for the soldier boys who went to a distant country to fight for Democracy and to save this country from being invaded by the enemy. I am leaving your town and hope everybody will get along well with their selfish way.

AN EX-SOLDIER,  
J. W. C.

## CAPT. FAILING DEAD

Capt. Walstein Augustus Failing, U. S. R. C. S. (retired), died at Edgarton, Mass., Friday, August 15th, age seventy-one years. Capt. Failing was in charge of the Seventh District U. S. Life Saving Service with headquarters at Elizabeth City 20 or 30 years ago. He was awarded thanks by Great Britain for distinguished service rendered at the wreck of the steamer Strathely on the North Carolina Coast in 1891. He joined the First M. E. Church, South, in this city in 1893 and retained his membership here at the time of his death. He was a native of Elizabeth, N. J.

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FLU IS EXPECTED  
AGAIN THIS FALL

But Not Expected To Be Severe In Communities Highly Affected Last Winter

There will be a recurrence of the Influenza epidemic this fall and winter, but it will not be so severe as that of last winter. Those communities that suffered most last year will have fewer cases this year. Those that suffered little last year will have more cases this year. There will be much pneumonia this winter, as a follow up of the Influenza of last winter. Such are the opinions of Dr. W. S. Rankin, Supt. of the N. C. State Board of Health.

Dr. Rankin sums up his conclusions in the following interesting statement:—

"Epidemics begin, spread, and exist only on non-immune, susceptible populations, and when the susceptible population has been affected and made immune, the epidemic, under natural laws, must stop."

"Now comes the real question. What percentage of the influenza susceptible population did the epidemic of last winter affect? On our ability to answer this question would seem to rest our right to draw conclusions as to the prevalence of influenza this fall and winter. The history of influenza, extending back over a period of 800 years and recording over 100 epidemics, indicates that an epidemic usually involves about 40 per cent of the population. Recalling the more recent epidemics (that of last year excepted), the epidemics of 1890, '91, and '92, and that of 1900, '01, and '02, we had an involvement during the entire course of these epidemics of perhaps 40 per cent of the population, possibly 50 per cent. In both of these last two mentioned epidemics there was during the several years of their prevalence a total of less than 100 deaths per 100,000 population. In the epidemic of last year there was an involvement of at least 35 per cent of the population, and there were 400 deaths per 100,000 population. These figures would indicate that the epidemic of last fall and winter consumed the major portion of the susceptible material, and that there remains but a small percentage of susceptible material to be affected this fall and winter. It, therefore, appears reasonable to assume that we need not look for more than one-seventh, certainly not more than one-fifth, of the cases of the disease and deaths from the disease that we had during the last year. It is likely that we will see local and, in some places, rather intensive epidemics; however, these local epidemics will in nearly all cases occur in those places that were, comparatively speaking, but slightly affected last winter, and, fortunately, there are only a few such places."

"On the other hand, judging from the teachings of history, we must expect the pneumonia death rate for this winter to be exceptionally high. In the epidemic of 1899 to 1902, we find that while that epidemic stopped in the year 1899, the pneumonia death rate in '93, the year following the epidemic, was unusually high.

"The writer has written the above with a considerable degree of hesitation; in fact, with a distinct embarrassment, feeling that in setting forth his rather hopeful attitude toward the possible recurrence of influenza this fall and winter he would discourage preparations for meeting emergencies, that he would substitute optimism for preparedness, and hope for safety. Therefore, it seems well to point out the fact that the history of this disease teaches consistently, almost without any exception, that its epidemics extend over several years, and from a study of recent articles on influenza, it appears to be the belief of the majority of the health officers of this country that we shall see a recurrence of the epidemic this winter. Under these circumstances, our attitude should be one of hopefulness, our position one of safety."

## ODD FELLOWS RALLY

Elizabeth City Odd Fellows will have a grand rally on the Court House green in this city at 6 o'clock this evening. Brass band music, refreshment and speeches will enliven the occasion. The principal speaker is Hon. Harry E. McCoy, P. G. P. of Virginia.

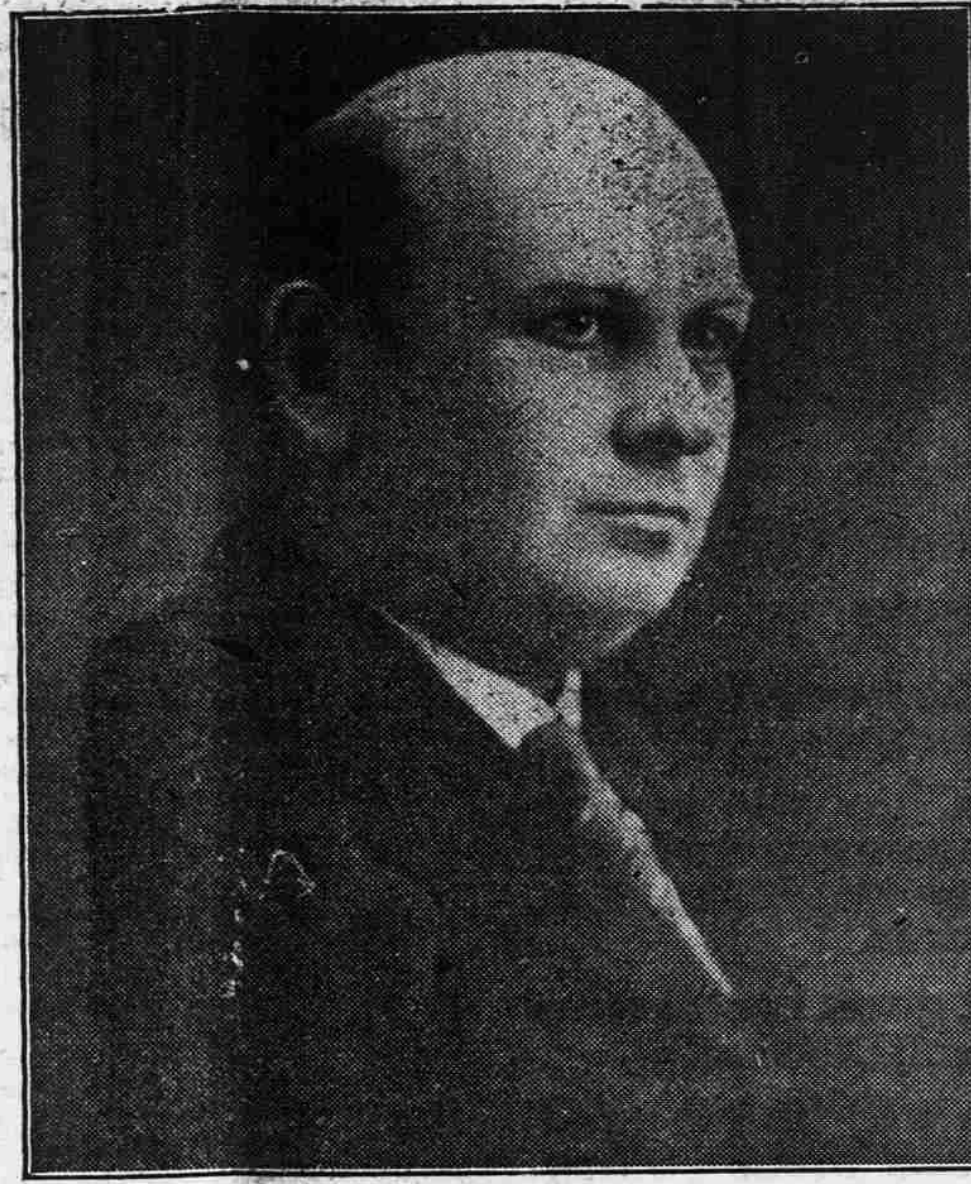
## LECTURE ON INFANT HYGIENE

A lecture of special interest to the mothers of this city and county will be given by Mrs. Kate Brew Vaughn, of the State Bureau of Child Hygiene, at the Court House Friday night. Mrs. Vaughn will speak upon the vital and timely subject of Infant Hygiene, upon which she is recognized as an authority.

## JOHN BOLICH TURNS UP

John Bolich, whose sudden and strange disappearance last week occasioned some popular excitement, wired Wednesday from Gastonia to his three daughters, telling them to join him there, where he is employed in a cotton mill. This wire disproves the theory that Bolich had either met with foul play, or had taken his own life. No reason for his sudden leaving has come to light.

## His Candidacy Sets 'Em Talking



W. O. SAUNDERS

HERE then is Saunders Himself, from a photo made during the late session of the General Assembly of North Carolina. The photo shows that he has one first class qualification for the office of Member of Congress for which he is a candidate. This qualification is his seldom hair. W. O. Saunders was born near Hertford, Perquimans county, May 24, 1884. With the exception of five or six years spent in newspaper work in Norfolk, Va., New York, N. Y. and New Orleans, La., he has spent his life in northeastern, North Carolina. He founded THE INDEPENDENT on June 9, 1908.

NO SPECIAL TRAIN FOR  
FALL FISH IN SIGHT

A Special Car From Elizabeth City Daily Is the Best Rail Road Can Promise

N. W. Daily, connected with Wallace & Keeney Company of New York, has been working in connection with shipper from North Carolina, to obtain a Special Train for the transportation of fish from Elizabeth City and points further south to Norfolk, in order that the North Carolina fishermen's products may reach New York in such shape as to obtain the best prices during the coming fall.

On August 2nd a committee of North Carolina Fishermen, of which Mr. Daily was chairman, met at Norfolk with W. Eggleston, superintendent of the American Railway Express, Pamlico Division; J. W. Newby, General Traffic Manager of the Old Dominion Steamship Line; B. B. Brooks of the N. Y. P. & N. and E. D. Kyle, General Traffic Manager of the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The matter of North Carolina transportation of fish was discussed generally and petitions presented for a special or regular train from Elizabeth City or for points south of Elizabeth City, from September 20th to December 20th, for the purpose of getting fish to Norfolk in time to catch all the lines running out of Norfolk to the northern cities.

The Committee was most kindly received and the transportation officials promised to do all in their power to expedite the shipments of fish during the Fall.

Last Spring through similar efforts, special transportation was obtained that was of very much value to the North Carolina fisherman and was very much appreciated, not only by them but by dealers in New York, Philadelphia and other northern points.

An answer to the request of the committee was received on August 20th from Mr. Eggleston, superintendent of the Pamlico Division of the American Railway Express, in which he states that after looking into the matter most carefully he regrets that it is not likely that a Special Train may be obtained as was done for the Spring fish. Mr. Eggleston stated that the proposition of hauling a car from Elizabeth City to Norfolk on Train No. 4 would not be practical as it would be impossible to secure teams and labor for the hauling of the fish and the loading of the car during the night. He therefore suggested that the best the company could do under the circumstances is to bring the traffic to Norfolk on the Norfolk Southern Train No. 2 which is due at Norfolk at 4:50 P. M. and to try to get the New York and Philadelphia business transferred to the N. Y. P. & N. night boat for Cape Charles, which would make a connection with an Express Special leaving Cape Charles, in time to reach New York the second morning.

Mr. Eggleston also requests the committee to impress upon the fishermen the necessity of heavily icing their fish at the point of shipment. As a general proposition, goods arriving by the Old Dominion Steamship Line at New York has heretofore been the most desirable. The committee will take up the suggestion of Mr. Eggleston in the near future and hope very much to improve upon his suggestion meanwhile.

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NATION'S EDITOR  
MAY SPEAK HERE

Oswald G. Villard Is Pleased With Saunders' Candidacy And Offers Services

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation, New York, one of the ablest edited weeklies in America and read on both continents, may be heard in the Congressional campaign in this district. In a letter to W. O. Saunders, under date of Aug. 21, Mr. Villard says:—

"I am delighted with the news of your candidacy. It is one of the most encouraging things that has happened and I shall follow your campaign with great interest. Please keep me posted. If I can go down and speak for you during the campaign, just let me know. Of course, you will be the judge as to whether interference from an outsider would be wise or not."

Sincerely yours,  
OSWALD GARRISON VILLARDFIRE DOESN'T RATTLE  
THIS MAN COTTER

Firemen Make Way For Carpenters When His Roof Burns On A Saturday Afternoon

A little matter like fire destroying half the roof of his home at 3 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon doesn't disturb an efficient and enterprising citizen like R. M. Cotter, president of the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co. Fire got into the roof of Mr. Cotter's home on Church street about 3 o'clock last Saturday afternoon and burned out about twenty square feet, before the Elizabeth City Fire Department could get to it and put it out.

Even while the firemen were working on the blaze Mr. Cotter was on the telephone downstairs phoning for shingles and carpenters. Before the firemen quit the place he had a thousand shingles and two carpenters on the ground. The firemen actually had to make way for the carpenters. By 8 o'clock Saturday evening Mr. Cotter had his roof in thoro repair. In the meantime he had adjusted his loss satisfactorily with the insurance company. His loss amounted to about \$100.

It is only fair to state that Mr. Cotter employs anywhere from 50 to 100 carpenters at the Elizabeth City Ship Yard and can command the services of carpenters on a Saturday afternoon when others can't touch 'em with a forty foot pole.

The blaze in the Cotter roof originated from a fire which destroyed two tenement houses in the rear of Church St. Saturday afternoon. Many homes on Church St. were threatened by the blaze and several sustained minor damage. One of the houses destroyed belonged to Col. W. T. Old of Norfolk.

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ELIZABETH CITY MAY  
GET AIRPLANE ATTACK

Fair Association Negotiating With Aviation Company For Spectacular Exhibition of War In The Air

SAYS SAUNDERS  
WINS IF HE LOSES

Washington Daily News Thinks Saunders' Candidacy a "Great Scheme"

The most wide-awake and enterprising newspaper in the First Congressional District is the Washington Daily News. The Daily News doesn't think Saunders stands "a ghost of a show", but opines that he wins if he loses. The Daily News says:—

"Yesterday's issue of the Daily News carried the announcement of W. O. Saunders' candidacy for the nomination of Congressman on the Democratic platform."

"The item was an interesting one and met with considerable discussion upon the streets of the city. The general sentiment appeared to be that Saunders is showing signs of softening of the brain and that he doesn't stand a ghost of a show to receive the nomination."

"Saunders, however, isn't as foolish as some people think he is. He is in a rather peculiar position as far as his candidacy is concerned and that peculiarity arises from the fact that HE CAN'T LOSE!"

"Sounds rather strange, doesn't it? But it's the truth. Mr. Small may spend two or three thousand dollars to defray the expenses of his campaign and, if he should lose out, he would also be out whatever amount he spent. The same holds true with reference to Mr. Ward. But Saunders—well, Saunders wins both ways from Sunday."

"If Saunders SHOULD receive the nomination he would, of course, become a prominent man in the district. His paper in Elizabeth City would receive hundreds of new subscribers from every county in this section of the State. While Mr. Saunders adorned the halls of Congress the dollars would be pouring into the office of his newspaper."

"But, if Saunders should fail to win out in his political fight, he would still be the winner. He has a reputation in the district for being somewhat of a 'mud slinger' and he hasn't hesitated in the past to use both hands. People know that he will have some interesting things to say about both Mr. Small and Mr. Ward. The announcement of his candidacy has added considerable spice to the political situation. Everybody will want to see what Saunders has to say—so the subscriptions to his paper will come in just the same."

"It's a great scheme, isn't it? And it shows that Saunders still has plenty of gray matter underneath his hat. Whether he wins or loses—he wins. Personally, I don't think he has a ghost of a show, but that doesn't make any difference in the world to him."

## A PROPHET AT HOME

Illustrating the old adage about a prophet and his own country, is the following comment from The Advance, of Elizabeth City:—

"There'll be plenty of excitement hereabouts in the approaching race for Congress in this district. And there would have been a plenty with only two Democratic aspirants. Saunders' candidacy adds little to interest in the race, for everybody knows where Saunders will get off. But undoubtedly, as Saunders say, he will be able to inject some life into the campaign when he begins to throw his vital issues" into the hopper of Hallet S. Ward."

HERE'S A CHALLENGE TO ALL  
LOCAL PLAYERS OF CHECKERS

S. A. Meads, Norfolk's champion checker player, will be at the Y. M. C. A. in Elizabeth City, Saturday Aug. 30 A. in Elizabeth City, Saturday Aug. 30 A. and announces his desire to meet any and all comers. He will play from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and will not bother to stop for lunch so long as he has some one to play with.

## NORFOLK MARKETS

Norfolk, Va. August 28, 1919  
Reported especially for THE INDEPENDENT by Jarvis & Fentress. The following prices represent actual sales made to-day:

Items not quoted were not sold today and the Food Administration prohibits quotations other than actual sales.	
Hens	33c
Frying Chickens	40c
Eggs	50c
Turkeys, live	30c
Roosters, live	20c
Ducks, live	25c
New Sweet Potatoes	
Yellow Barks	\$3.50
Nancy Halls	\$4.00

Elizabeth City may have the thrills that came to London and Paris under air raids, if negotiations by the Albemarle Agriculture Association with certain aviation companies result in a contract. A well known airplane company proposes to make an air raid on Elizabeth City, dropping bombs all over the place twice daily during the November fair.

Of course, Elizabeth City would not let such attacks from bombing planes go unchallenged. Mortars and machine guns would be camouflaged on the tops of down town buildings and these machine guns and mortars would keep up a constant fire on the air raiders.

The aviation company promises to make the thing so realistic that one of the machines would be made to turn turtle in midair and give a first class exhibition of dashing to earth from a height of 2,000 feet, just as if it had been put out of commission by one of the blank shells from an anti-aircraft gun on top of the Hinton Building.

All of this excitement requiring three or four airplanes manned by expert flyers will be the feature free attraction at the Elizabeth City Fair if the fair association will pay the price. And if Secretary Case's recommendation goes, the price will be paid.

## A Change of Dates

The fair will be held on November 11, 12, 13 and 14, instead of the first week in November as announced last week. The Fair Association decided on this change of dates this week because they found they could secure more horses, shows and concessions for this week than any other week this fall. The Tarboro fair closes the first week in November and is the last big fair in the state. Horses ordinarily go from the Tarboro fair into winter quarters, or go to New Orleans for the winter meets. Elizabeth City, by following Tarboro, can get the cream of the entries from that fair.

Showmen too had something to do with influencing the dates. Sibley Shows, who will furnish the midway attractions, offered the Fair Association an attractive bonus to set the fair for the middle of November. Sibley's men have studied the weather maps and they say Elizabeth City will have its best week of weather the second week in November. They also bet that there will be more money in circulation then than at any other likely time.

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## NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statements about my work. Very remarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted glasses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of eye glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My special claim to your patronage is based upon my long experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

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